

Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program FY 2016 Competitive Grant Announcement

Overview

The purpose of the Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program (42 U.S.C. 3797u et seq.) is to provide financial and technical assistance to states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to develop and implement drug courts that effectively integrate evidence-based substance abuse treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a judicially supervised court setting with jurisdiction over substance-abusers. BJA is accepting applications for FY 2016 grants to either establish new drug courts or enhance existing drug court programs using evidence-based principles and practices. BJA also supports courts that integrate the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) adult drug court standards into existing drug court services.

Eligible applicants are those that meet the following criteria:

For **Category 1: Implementation** and **Category 2: Enhancement**, applications will be accepted to support states, state and local courts, counties, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior) on behalf of a single jurisdiction drug court.

For **Category 3: Statewide**, applicants are limited to state agencies. State agencies include the state court administrative offices, state criminal justice agencies, and other state agencies involved with the provision of substance abuse, mental health, or related services to criminal substance abusers such as the State Administering Agency (SAA), the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the State Alcohol and Substance Abuse Agency.

Note: Applicants must demonstrate that eligible drug court participants promptly enter the drug court program following a determination of their eligibility. BJA will not make awards to applicants whose drug courts require an initial period of incarceration unless the period of incarceration is mandated by statute for the offense in question. In such instances, the applicant must demonstrate that the offender receives treatment services, if available, while incarcerated and begins drug court treatment services immediately upon release.

Applicants must also demonstrate that the drug court for which funds are being sought will not deny any eligible client access to the program because of their use of FDA-approved medications for the treatment of substance use disorders. Please see page 9 for additional information.

BJA will prioritize making awards to those jurisdictions who do not have an active BJA drug court award. BJA may also elect to make awards for applications submitted under this FY 2016 solicitation in future fiscal years, dependent on, among other considerations, the merit of the applications and the availability of appropriations.

Website for solicitation: <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/adultdrugcourts16.pdf>

Application Deadline: All applications are due to be submitted and in receipt of a successful validation message in Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on **April 19, 2016**.

Funding period:

CATEGORY 1: IMPLEMENTATION. Grant maximum: \$350,000. Project period: 36 months. Competition ID: BJA-2016-9338

Implementation grants are available to jurisdictions that have completed a substantial amount of planning and are ready to implement an evidence-based adult drug court as described above (i.e., meeting the key components as well as the evidence-based program principles embodied in the NADCP drug court standards).

Applicants may propose to use funding for court operations and services; offender supervision, management, and services; provision and coordination of recovery support services including education, civil legal assistance, job training and placement, housing placement assistance, primary and behavioral health care, and childcare and other supportive services.

CATEGORY 2: ENHANCEMENT. Grant maximum: \$300,000. Project period: 36 months. Competition ID: BJA-2016-9339

Enhancement grants are available to jurisdictions with a fully operational adult drug court (to be eligible, you must have been operating for at least 1 year as of September 30, 2016). Applicants are encouraged to include in their proposals funding to incorporate the evidence-based program principles included in the NADCP Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards, and to specify which Standard(s) is/are addressed in the application and include in the program design details on how the Standard(s) will be implemented.

Allowable uses of funds include:

1. Scale up the drug court program capacity to better meet the actual number of eligible high-risk/high-need justice-involved persons in the jurisdiction. Applicants should provide data to support their request.
2. Enhance court operations including training programs for drug court practitioners, drug court program evaluations, performance management system implementation, and automated management information system implementation.
3. Expand or enhance court services in areas such as case management, including drug testing, case management, and community supervision.
4. Improve the quality and/or intensity of services based on needs assessments; for instance, funding may be used for enhancing treatment services (including cognitive behavioral therapy), enrollment in and access to health care coverage, education, vocational training, job training and placement, housing placement assistance, and childcare or other family support services for each participant who requires such services.

CATEGORY 3: STATEWIDE. Grant maximum per applicant for Subcategories A and B: \$1.5 million for state-based coordination of services. Of the \$1.5 million, a maximum of \$300,000 is available per applicant under subcategory A, and a maximum of \$1,200,000 is available per applicant under subcategory B. Project period: 36 months. Competition ID: BJA-2016-9340

Applicants can apply for Subcategory A or Subcategory B separately; however, it is suggested that applicants apply for each and maximize funds available from both categories to assist with state-based coordination, services, evaluation, and training.

Statewide drug court grants are available for two purposes:

- 3a. Applicants may request up to \$300,000 to improve, enhance, or expand drug court services statewide by encouraging adherence to the evidence-based program principles included in the NADCP Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards and through activities

such as: training and/or technical assistance programs for drug court teams geared to improve drug court functioning and to increase drug court participation and participant outcomes; tracking, compiling, coordinating, and disseminating state drug court information and resources; increasing communication, coordination, and information sharing among drug court programs; conducting a statewide drug court evaluation; or establishing a statewide automated drug court data collection and/or performance management system.

3b. Applicants may request up to \$1,200,000 to financially support drug courts in local or regional jurisdictions that do not currently operate with BJA Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program funding. (A list of active BJA drug court grantees is available at: www.bja.gov/ProgramDetails.aspx?Program_ID=58) States applying for funding under this subcategory must demonstrate a statewide, data-driven strategy for reaching and expanding capacity of drug court options and services for nonviolent but high-risk/high-need justice-involved individuals, which may include implementing new drug courts, or scaling up existing drug courts to better meet the actual number of high-risk/high-need individuals who are eligible and ready to participate in a drug court program. States are encouraged to propose funding for local or regional courts in a manner that is consistent with implementing one or more of the evidence-based principles included above in the NADCP Adult Drug Court Best Practice Standards or similar State standards.

Statewide applicants must identify which drug courts and the type of court they propose to fund, at what amounts, for which periods of time, how the statewide applicant will assist the funded courts in achieving their goals and objectives, and how the applicant will track and monitor progress using an automated management information system. Applicants must clearly describe their rationale for drug court selection and connect this back to their statewide, data-driven goals and objectives of reducing recidivism among high-risk/high-need justice-involved individuals.

All federal funds under category 3b must be passed through to drug courts within the state; no funds may be retained for administrative purposes.

Match Requirement (cash or in-kind)

Federal funds awarded under this program may not cover more than 75 percent of the total costs of the project being funded. The applicant must identify the source of the 25 percent non-federal portion of the total project costs and how match funds will be used. If a successful applicant's proposed match exceeds the required match amount, and OJP approves the budget, the total match amount incorporated into the approved budget becomes mandatory and subject to audit. (Match is restricted to the same uses of funds as allowed for the federal funds.) Applicants may satisfy this match requirement with any portion of cash and the remainder can be in-kind funds. See the Financial Guide for definitions and examples of in-kind funding. The formula for calculating the match is:

$$\frac{\text{Federal Award Amount}}{\text{Federal Share Percentage}} = \text{Adjusted (Total) Project Costs}$$

Required Recipient's Share Percentage x Adjusted Project Cost = Required Match

Example: 75%/25% match requirement: for a federal award amount of \$350,000, match would be calculated as follows:

$$\frac{\$350,000}{75\%} = \$466,667 \qquad 25\% \times \$466,667 = \$116,667 \text{ match}$$

The Budget Detail Worksheet should distinguish cash from in-kind matched funds using an asterisk to show what percentage of the budget is cash. The Financial Guide can be accessed at: <http://ojp.gov/financialguide/doj/index.htm>.

Contact Information

For technical assistance with submitting an application, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035, or via email to support@grants.gov. The Grants.gov Support Hotline hours of operation are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except federal holidays. Applicants that experience unforeseen Grants.gov technical issues beyond their control that prevent them from submitting their application by the deadline must email the BJA contact identified below **within 24 hours after the application deadline** and request approval to submit their application. Additional information on reporting technical issues is found under “Experiencing Unforeseen Grants.gov Technical Issues” in the How To Apply section.

For assistance with any other requirement of this solicitation, contact the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Response Center: toll-free at 800-851-3420; via TTY at 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only); email grants@ncjrs.gov; fax to 301-240-5830; or web chat at <https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp>. The NCJRS Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. eastern time on the solicitation close date.

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